

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 22, 2006. Claims 1, 4 to 6, 153, and 155 are in the application, with Claims 1, 153, and 155 being independent. Claims 1, 153, and 155 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4 to 6, 153, and 155 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,483,261 (Yasutake). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 153, and 155 recite, *inter alia*, identifying means for identifying (Claim 1) or an identifying step of identifying (Claims 153 and 155), each time the concurrently designated positions are detected, a corresponding one designated position, from among the plurality of designated positions detected at a preceding time, having an area closest in size to an area of each of the plurality of designated positions detected at a current time, by calculating the difference in size between each of the areas of the designated positions detected at the current time and each of the areas of the designated positions at the preceding time.

Yasutake is not seen to teach or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on June 12, 2006. During the interview, Claims 1, 153, and 155 were discussed in view of Yasutake. The Examiner tentatively indicated that she would be more inclined to favorably view the application if the claims were amended as set forth above.

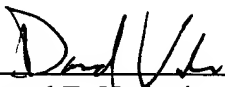
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set

forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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